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HIBERNIANS.

What They Have Been Doing
the Past Week—General
News Notes.

Divisions 1 and 4 meet next week. Divisions 34 and 58 will hold their annual balls February 19, in Boston.

Division 2 will celebrate Washington's birthday with a eulogy and dance.

Division 2 had the largest attendance Thursday night seen in two years.

Division 1 of New Albany meets tomorrow afternoon in Holy Trinity Hall.

Division 6 of Springfield, Mass., will hold a banquet on St. Patrick's night.

Division 1 of New Albany realized a neat sum from its entertainment last week.

The Hibernians of Pawtucket, R. I., are soliciting funds for the Boer hospital corps.

The County Board should have the support of all in making the dramatic entertainment a success.

President Meehan was gratified with the result of the roll-call Thursday night. Non-attendees must pay fines.

Division 5 of Cambridgeport, Mass., celebrated its twenty-eighth anniversary with a grand ball in Union Hall.

The Hibernians of South Manchester, Conn., will celebrate St. Patrick's day with a concert and entertainment.

Binghamton, N. Y., has now five divisions of the order. This speaks well for the Irishmen of the Parlor City.

Resolutions of sympathy with the Boers were adopted at a meeting of the Hibernians held recently in Bloomfield, N. J.

Popular James McKenzie received a hearty greeting Thursday night. None were more pleased to meet him than our reporter.

Notwithstanding the disagreeable weather Wednesday night, there was a great turn-out of members at the meeting of Division 3.

The national parade of the order in Boston on Memorial day has been outlined by the County Board. Fifty thousand men will march.

The Ladies' Auxiliary of Division 4 of St. Paul have made extensive arrangements for a valentine party to be given next Wednesday evening.

The Ladies' Auxiliary of Division 1 of Minneapolis held their prize drawing Monday evening, which was followed by a largely attended card party.

Division 1 of St. Paul entertained the Hibernians of that city Wednesday evening. The literary and musical programme was followed by a smoke social.

Some two hundred couples danced at the second party of the Ladies' Auxiliary of Division 3 of St. Paul, which was an entertainment of the order.

Most enjoyable progressive pedro party. After the games refreshments were served.

John Raaba, of Division 1 of New Albany, who was seriously burned last week at Bridgeford's foundry, is much better, but will not resume work for some time.

The Hibernians of Baldwinville, N. Y., will give an entertainment March 16 to raise funds for the erection of a monument for the deceased priests of the parish.

The series of four Saturday night socials under the auspices of the Hibernian Knights of Providence opened at Hibernian Hall February 3 with a splendid attendance.

The Ladies' Auxiliary of Division 15 of Dorchester, Mass., gave a successful ball in Bloomfield Hall. Miss Mary Sullivan was the floor director, assisted by a number of the lady members.

It is stated on good authority that several Rhode Island Hibernians will be among the crew that will man the hospital corps ship that will soon be ready to set sail for South Africa.

The Ladies' Auxiliary ball at Anacosta, Mon., which takes place Tuesday evening, promises to be a great social success from the preparations that have been made by the several committees.

Division 5 of Providence initiated seven candidates at its last meeting and appointed a committee to confer with the divisions in regard to raising funds to purchase hospital supplies for the Boers.

The St. Patrick's day celebration committee decided to celebrate the day in Worcester, Mass., with a parade of the Hibernians during the day and an entertainment in Mechanics' Hall in the evening.

There was a very large gathering at the second annual ball of the Ladies' Auxiliary of Division 16 of Boston. The march was led by Miss Elizabeth Cronin, President of the auxiliary, and her brother.

National President Keating addressed a large mass meeting in the Opera House at Joliet, Ill., last Sunday afternoon. Resolutions praising the Boers were adopted by a unanimous vote. He declared that Englishmen, as a rule, do not make good American citizens.

The Ladies' Auxiliary of Bridgeport, Conn., will celebrate their fourth anniversary at Hibernian Hall next Friday evening. Prominent Hibernians, both ladies and gentlemen, have been invited and addresses will be made by leading speakers from all over the State.

The Ancient Order of Hibernians in Newburyport, Mass., will hold drills in their hall every Sunday afternoon until after the parade in Boston, May 30. All the members are looking toward this parade with pride and are making all the arrangements possible for a good time.

An enjoyable Gaelic concert and hop was given recently at St. Ann's Hall, Baltimore, under the auspices of Division 5, Ancient Order of Hibernians, and the Irish Historical Society. The programme included addresses by Rev. L. J. McNamara, Chaplain of Division 5, on "Religious and Church Societies;" D. J.

Scully, President of the Irish Historical Society, on "The Gaelic Movement," and J. Henry Conway, President of the County Board and the Ancient Order of Hibernians, on "Our Order and Its Work."

Extensive alterations are about to be made in the uniforms of the Hibernian Rifles of Providence, R. I., including the substituting of a white or cream color stripe in parts, instead of the green now in use, and the addition of leggings and campaign hats will be a notable addition and will be seen for the first time on next St. Patrick's day.

The fifth annual concert and ball of Division 27 of Boston, in Union Park Hall, was attended by about 200 couples. A feature of the evening was the presentation by President C. J. Shea of a gold ring to James H. Murphy, for having brought in the most members the past six months. Later Mr. Shea was himself called to the platform and was given a costly meerschaum pipe, a gift of his fellow-members.

The first of a series of sociables given by Company F, Hibernians Rifles, of Bridgeport, Conn., was held at Hibernian Hall Thursday evening. These entertainments are given for the purpose of helping to defray the expenses which it will be necessary to incur in order that Bridgeport may be well represented at the great State parade in Boston next May. The ranks of the company are rapidly filling up and they will be obliged to purchase several uniforms and other equipments so that the company may be second to none in the regiment.

The Providence Visitor, from which we glean much interesting Hibernian news, says: Company A, Hibernian Knights, after ten months of labor has succeeded in building up a treasury fund sufficient to equip the entire company, and have already secured belts, sabres and fatigue caps. The company met in regular session last Sunday and placed an order for a full number of uniforms with Andrew Gannon of Olneyville, ten of which will be made each week till the members are fully equipped, which will be about March 15, and the Sir Knights will appear for the first time in public in full uniform on March 17, when they anticipate capturing the highest honors in the ranks on that day.

IRELAND.

Record of the Most Important of
the Recent Events Culled
From Exchanges.

The Irish Island Fisheries Commission has decided to hold four public sittings each week until further notice.

William O'Neill, son of James O'Neill, of Tipperary, has been admitted as a solicitor in the Supreme Court of Judicature, and will locate in Dublin.

The state of the health of the people of Ireland is such that a public inquiry into the health of the people is being held by a special committee of the authorities.

At a special meeting of the Killarney Urban Council the resolution of the Wexford County Council calling on all councils to appoint delegates to the recent proposed national assembly was read but no action taken.

Daniel Guerin, of Killarney, recently died rather suddenly at his residence. Deceased, who was held in the greatest respect and esteem, was always associated with every movement for the good of the country, and his numerous friends learned with sincere regret of his untimely death.

Edward Harvey has turned over money collected for the Boers from workmen residing in the village of Killy, County Waterford, and says if all the towns will act as creditably as that little village and its neighborhood have done, many thousands of pounds will be sent to help the ambulance work on the side of the brave Boers.

The annual conference of the Postmen's Federation, the membership of which is 20,000, will meet this year in Cork. The members of the local branch are making arrangements for the reception of the delegates, who are expected to number about 200. The conference will open Thursday, June 8, and is expected to last three days.

A married woman named Ann Smith, who was engaged in field work, was accidentally shot behind the rifle butts at Harton Moor Range, near South Shields. A number of men of the Northumberland Hussars, who form part of the Imperial Yeomanry, were practicing at the butts, and it is surmised that a stray shot struck the woman. Mrs. Smith died soon after she was discovered.

The Athy Guardians passed a vote of condolence with Lady Weldon and family on the death of Sir Anthony Weldon, whose two sons, one of whom, Major Weldon, is on the staff of Gen. Buller, are at present serving in South Africa. Sir Anthony, who died recently and was buried in St. John's, Athy, was for a number of years a member of the Athy board.

On Tuesday there was an inquiry into the death of a farmer named James Hamilton, of Sandy Banks, Brittas, who was accidentally killed the previous day at or near Brittas. The evidence went to show that Hamilton was driving a spirited young horse, when some of the harness gave way, and that in his endeavors to prevent the horse from running away, he was fatally injured. Much sympathy is felt in the district for the family of the deceased, who was very popular.

At a special court of Petty Sessions, held at Donaghadee before Col. Bowly, a man named Archibald Wright, a coast-guard, belonging to Donaghadee, was charged by the Crown with feloniously entering the residences of Mrs. Clegg of Rockfield, Duffin of Ballywilliam, Fox and others and stealing a large quantity of articles therefrom. Head Constable Sloan, Newtownards, conducted the prosecution, and very voluminous information was taken. The accused was returned for trial to Downpatrick assizes.

Messrs. Harland & Wolff's threat to

leave Belfast and establish their shipbuilding yards in some other port has induced the Belfast Harbor Commissioners to reconsider their attitude and give to the great shipbuilding firm the concessions which they demanded. The Commissioners have now agreed to give them a thirty-one years' lease of all the ground that they require and to build a new graving dock suitable for warships. On these conditions the Harland & Wolff shipbuilding works are to be retained in the Northern capital.

The wet weather of the past six weeks has favored the spread of the influenza epidemic in Carrick-on-Suir, and the greater portion of the inhabitants are suffering from the disease in its various stages. The victims include all classes, and there is scarcely a family in the town which has not been attacked by it. The mortality directly attributable to the disease is so far very small. One of the latest victims is David K. Cummins, manager of the National Bank, who is considerably advanced in years, and his condition is causing the greatest anxiety to his many friends.

The monthly meeting of the Wicklow Harbor Commissioners was held in the Town Hall, Wicklow, Christopher Murray presiding. The question of the purchase of a dredger for the harbor came before the meeting. It was stated by the clerk that on the recommendation of the engineer the Wexford Harbor Commissioners had been approached with a view of obtaining a loan of their dredger for a few months, but the Wexford Harbor Commissioners had refused to lend the dredger, as they required it for their own purposes. It was decided to purchase a dredger for the purpose and afterward sell it or hire it out.

About twenty-five tenants on the Carnagh and Tererath estate in Wexford, of which G. H. Lambert is landlord, have agreed to purchase their holdings. Those holding under judicial leases will only be allowed to purchase on special terms. The purchase money will amount to about \$50,000. Ten or twelve of the tenants have not so far come to terms. A number of the tenants on the Leslie estate, situate at Foulksmills, Barony of Shilmallier West, County Wexford, have come to terms with their landlord, Tench Leslie, of Newry, County Down, for the purchase of their holdings at eighteen years' purchase of the judicial rents, and in the case of non-judicial tenants eighteen years' purchase of the poor law valuation. The purchase money will amount to about \$30,000.

In January the ladies and gentlemen of Ennis gave the annual treat to the children of the union. The school was exquisitely decorated with holly and ivy, while appropriate mottoes greeted the visitors. About 100 children sat to a table well furnished with tea, bread and jam and sweet loaf, which the children heartily enjoyed, and were supplied with sweets and oranges. After the distribution of prizes the ladies and gentlemen danced with the children, thereby bringing home to the minds of the little ones that poverty is no crime. The aged inmates got tobacco and snuff. Mr. Linnane, who is zealously devoted to the cause of the inmates, and who has brought about many changes in the institution advantageous to the poor, on behalf of the guardians thanked the ladies and gentlemen present, congratulated the officials for the care and attention paid to the children, and assured those present that his only ambition in being a member of the board was that he might, with the co-operation of the Board of Guardians, ameliorate the sufferings of the poor people of the workhouse.

At the January meeting of the Limerick District Council the question of the maintenance of the roads by direct labor was under discussion. At the last quarterly meeting the tenders were all rejected, but the question of acceptance when it came before the County Council was directed to be referred back to the District Council. Mr. Ryan, Killinure, proposed and Mr. Ryan, Knockatane, seconded that advertisements be again issued for contractors, the term of contract to be for twelve months, instead of four years and three months as heretofore, and that the security to be given should be by a guarantee society. Mr. Doyle, solicitor, on behalf of the contractors, stated the condition was an impossible one as to the security, the person who had suggested it, Mr. Shee, M. P., having stated that he had been in consultation with some guarantee societies, whose managers had informed him the societies would decline to become security for contractors. The Chairman (Dr. Noonan) thought the resolution should be amended so as to provide for the acceptance of "sufficient security." There was no amendment to the resolution, which was adopted.

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